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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 11th/October, through Sunday, 18th/October there were 221 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C9, CE, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, D6, DL, DU, E3, E4, E5/n, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FK/c, FM, FO, FR, FS, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PY, PZ, S0, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T2, T30, T5, T7, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TN, TR, TT, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP5, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XX9, YA, YB, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

4W, TIMOR LESTE

Tack, JE1CKA, will be active as 4W/JE1CKA from Timor Leste (OC-148) between October 21-28th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using mainly CW and sometime SSB in the CQWW

DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th). Antennas will be Inverted L or GP. QSL via his home callsign.

4X, ISRAEL

Operators Zvi/4X6FR and Moshe/4X1DX will be active as 4X7R from Herzliya during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Multi-Single/All-Band entry. QSL via 4X6OM.

5J0, ANDRES ISLAND (Reminder)

Joseph, LU1FM, will once again be active as 5J0B from **San Andres Island (NA-033)** between October 17-27th. Daniel, LU9FHF, will also be with him. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using SSB and the Digital modes. Also look for him to participate the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th). Equipment will be an IC-7100 with an ALS MRX 500 amp into a Hex-beam (20-6m) and dipoles for 160/80/40m. QSL via his home callsign. Look for more details and updates at:

<http://www.tarjetasqsl.com.ar/5j0b>

FaceBook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/sanandresisland2015>

7P, LESOTHO (Update)

Chris, MW6GOZ, will be active as 7P8GOZ from Lesotho sometime in December during the Christmas holiday. Activity will be on 40 and 20 meters using SSB. QSL via his home callsign or LoTW. Chris has now set up a Blog page for his upcoming operation at (still under construction):

<https://7p8goz.wordpress.com/about>

A3, TONGA

Masa, JA0RQV, will once again be active from Tonga. This time he will activate **Neiaf, Vava'u Island (OC-064)** as A35JP/P between October 21st and November 2nd. Operations will be on 40-6 meters using CW and SSB. His equipment is an IC-7000 (w/100W) into a vertical antenna. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau, direct (SASE w/1 IRC), LoTW or ClubLog. Prior to his visit o Vava'u (October 24-29th), Masa might be active as A35JP from Nuku'alofa Capital City of Tongatapu Island (OC-049) mainly during the weekend of the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th). For more details and updates, visit his Blog page at:

<http://blog.goo.ne.jp/rqv>

A3, TONGA

An international group of amateurs will descend onto Heilala Holiday Lodge, a beach resort from the Kingdom of Tonga during the last two weeks of February 2016 (approx. February 18-27th). This trip en- compasses the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 20-21zst). Activity will be on 160-10 meters, using CW, SSB and RTTY (antennas, weather, propagation all permitting). Exact dates of operation will be posted closer to the time. QSL via M0URX. Operators mentioned are Madison/W5MJ (Team Leader), Rich/K5NA, Susan/K5DU, Paul/W5PF, Bob/W5RF, Neil/VA7DX, Keith/VE7KW and Roger/ZS6RJ. For more details and updates, see:

<http://www.tonga2016.com>

AH0, MARIANA ISLANDS (Ops Needed)

Operators Giles/N5YA, Jussi-Pekka/ OH6RX, and Esa/OH7WV will be active as AH0K from the Mariana Intrepid Contest Club on **Tinian Island (OC-086)** during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via OH6GDX. Look for possible activity before the contests.

ADDED NOTE: Esa, OH7WV, announced that they are looking for more operators. If you are an experienced op, contact them with your operating experience at: oh7wv@sral.fi or oh6rx@sral.fi

C5, THE GAMBIA

Just a reminder that Luc/F5RAV (C5LT) and Gerard/F5NVF (C5C) will be active from Kololi between October 20-27th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using SSB, RTTY and possibly CW. Operations will also include the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) using the shorter call- sign C5C. Also, Mustapha, C5MF, their guide in the Gambia and a new ham, will be making his first QSOs with you. QSL via C5LT, C5C and C5MF only direct to F5RAV.

C9, MOZAMBIQUE

Operators John/ZS5J and YL Beth/2W0VOW will once again be active from Mozambique to take part in a DXpedition between October 20th and November 3rd. They will be driving in a 4X4 vehicle, as that is the only access to the seaside town called Ponta do Ouro and can only be reached by using a 4X4 vehicle. John informs OPDX that they will be using the callsign C91B this time. Beth will operating a SSB station, and John will primarily be operating the CW station. Activity will be on all HF bands from 160-6 meters.

They will be using Flex radios, and the amp- lifiers will be the new SPE Expert 1.3K, and a Yaesu FL-7000. Antennas will be a variety of verticals for the low bands, loops, rotary dipoles, and 2 element vertical beams for the higher bands. A 4 element yagi will be used on 6 meters. Free daily logbook uploads will be done to LoTW and ClubLog, and if you need a QSL card sent by E-mail, the address and infor- mation is on QRZ.com. John also mentioned, "Thanks to Michael of ClubLog, C91B has been given expedition status on ClubLog, and the leaderboard will be activated."

CN3, MOROCCO

Operators Stefano/IK2QEI, Matteo/IK2SGC, Marco/IK2LFF, Manuel/IK3STG, Filippo/IZ1LBG and Roberto/I2WIJ will be active as CN3A from Safi during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Multi-? entry. QSL via LoTW or via IV3ZXQ. Visit their Web page at:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/CN3A/112969535390789>

CR, MADEIRA ISLAND

Jose, CT1BOH, will be active as CR3OO during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 28-29th). No other details were provided. QSL via W3HNK.

D4, CAPE VERDE

Andrea, HB9DUR, will once again be active as D4C from **Sao Vicente Island (AF-086)**. Activity will take place during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th). QSL via IZ4DPV, direct or by the Bureau.

D4, CAPE VERDE

Massimo, IZ4DPV, will once again be active from **Sao Vicente Island (AF-086)**, but as D4F this time. Activity will be during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (??) entry. QSL via IZ4DPV, direct or by the Bureau.

DXCC NEWS

Sharon Taratula, ARRL Awards Branch Manager, reports that the following operations are approved for DXCC credit:

D44TUQ - Cape Verde; 2015 Operation

TZ4AM - Mali; 2015/2016 Operations

VK9LN - Lord Howe Island; 2015/2016 Operations

EF8, CANARY ISLANDS

Operators Juan/EA8RM, Alexandr/UA5C, Leonid/RA5A, Sergey/RN3QO, Tony/RT9T, Alexey/RW3QNZ, Roli/LY4A and Jack/R2AA will be active as EF8R from Gran Canaria Island (AF-004) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via LoTW.

FR, REUNION ISLAND

Anne, OH2YL, will be active as FR/OH2YL from Reunion Island during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 28-29th). QSL via her home callsign.

IOTA NEWS

AF-018. Operator Raffaele, IH9YMC, will be active from **Pantelleria Island** (IIA TP-001, MIA MI-124, WW Loc. JM56XT), African Italy, during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 28-29th) as a Single- Op/Single-Band (??) entry. QSL via eQSL.

OC-235. Operators YL Elena/RC5A and Yuri/RM0F will be active as DU9/RC5A and DU9/RM0F, respectively, from **Siargao Island** between November 1-13th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via their home callsign or use the OQRS (see QRZ.com).

OC-272. As of October 15th, Budi, YF1AR, has started his IOTA Tour from **Barat Daya Islands**. He states, "Name of islands will be announced based on spot location later." For more details, see: <http://www.yf1ar.com/2015/10/yf1ar8-oc-272-barat-daya-islands.html>

IY7, ITALY (Update/Special Event)

Members of the ARI Lecce continue to activate the special callsign IY7LE until December 31st. They will also use IY7LE/P from different locations for the different Italian diplomas, in particular QSOs for the LTO diploma (Lecce Terra d'Otranto = Municipi- palities Leccesi CL -...) and the SIA (Salento Islands Award). Details on these awards and diplomas can be found on www.arilecce.it under "Contest and Diplomas". Activity is to commemorate Guglielmo Marconi's 120th anniversary of his first wireless message sent in 1895. QSL via the Bureau, direct or LoTW. All the QSLs will be sent to all Bureau and direct in the month of February 2016. The ASC code of A.R.I. Lecce is J12.

LX, LUXEMBOURG

Philippe, LX2A, will be active as LX7I during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via LX2A. Visit the LX2A Web page at:

<http://www.lx7i.com>

MARITIME MOBILE OP

O Terry, K6UN, reports on QRZ.com: "I will be operating as K6UN/VP9 maritime mobile onboard the Grand Princess, November 8-15th, 2015. This sailing is a California Coastal Cruise, leaving round trip from San Francisco and visiting Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, San Diego and Ensenada, Mexico. I plan to operate while in International waters on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters. Hope to see you on the air!"

OH0, ALAND ISLAND

Waldemar, SM0TQX, will be active as OH0JFP from [Aland Islands \(EU-002\)](#) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (15m) entry. QSL via OH0JFP, direct or by the Bureau.

OH0, ALAND ISLAND

Kim, OH6KZP, will be active as OH0X from Aland Island during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via OH2TA.

OJ0, MARKET REEF

Pasi, OH3WS, will once again be active as OJ0W from Market Reef between now and October 19th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via OH3WS, by the Bureau or direct.

PJ2, CURACAO

Hans, PA3HGT, is now active as PJ2/PA3HGT from [Curacao \(SA-099\)](#) until October 20th. Activity will be on 40/20/15/10 meters using SSB and sometimes on RTTY. Equipment is an Icom IC7100 with 100 watts into a Hy-end fed antenna. QSL via PA3HGT by the Bureau. Visit his Web page at:

<http://www.pa3hgt.nl>

PJ2, CURACAO

Operators Paul/W4PGM and Hugh/W4VAB will be active as PJ2/W4PGM & PJ2/W4VAB from [Curacao \(SA-099\)](#) between October 28th and November 2nd. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via their home callsigns or LoTW.

PJ7, ST. MAARTEN

Chris, N0UK (G4JEC), will be active as PJ7/G4JEC from [Sint Maarten Island \(NA-105\)](#) between November 29th and December 4th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using mostly CW. He also plans to be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 28-29th). QSL via N0UK, direct or by LoTW.

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN (Early Announcement)

Tom, AA9A, will once again be active as PJ7AA from Simpson Bay, [Sint Maarten \(NA-105\)](#),

next year between February 16th and March 12th (2016). Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW and SSB. If like last year, Tom may spend a few hours in the ARRL SSB Contest (March 5-6th). Operations will be with 100 watts with a K3 and Buddipole. QSL via AA9A or LoTW.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (October 19-25th)

Oct/19th AN	Oct/22nd AN	Oct/24th AN
Oct/20th HN	Oct/23rd AN	Oct/25th AN
Oct/21st AN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRD - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE <http://www.bandconditions.com>:

The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPp, QRPe and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software pre- dictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

PZ5, SURINAME

Operators Gregor/DF7OGO, Tom/K3WT, Alan/K0AD, Ron/N0AT, Vladimir/N0STL and Bill/W0OR will be active as PZ5W from Paramaribo during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 28-29th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via LoTW, or via N0AT, by the Bureau or direct. Operators will be there between November 23rd and December 2nd.

QSL INFO AND NEWS

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (October 18th)

3B8/DJ7RJ via DJ7RJ	GB1CUB via M3NFL	OZ7SP via OV1AV
3Z90GNZ via SP5ZRW	HA5BPITU via HA5AGP	PJ2/W0GXA via N3SL
5P9X via OZ9GA	HB9/OE6HLF/P via OE6HLF (d)	SN15WJK via SP1PMY
A43JOTA via A47OS	I0/AC2KL/P via AC2KL	ST100S via ST2M
A61AS via YO3FRI (d)	II8IYL via IK8PXZ	SU8JOTA via SM5AQD
CR2AEC via CT1REP	J42CPMV via SV2HXV	SV8/PA0PMD via PA0PMD
CR5MEA via CT4SU	JT90IARU via JT1DN	V55JOTA via V51Q
CT9/DF7ZS via DF7ZS	KG4DY via KE4KDY	V73D via DL4SVA
DP5G via DM1CG	OH0/OH5SUF via OH7GIG	VK2015TDF via M0OXO
EA9/DL1AOB via DL1AOB	OH0/OH6KZP via OH6KZP	W0A via KC0SDV (d)
EH4PNC via EC4DA	OI7AX via OH7UE	W1/DL4NAC via DL4NAC

EH7SC via EH7SC

OS4PPS via ON4IPR

Z340ZM via I2JSB or RU5A

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau

(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: A71AE, HB9ELV, HB9HLM, J6/K1ZZI, JM1XCW, ON9AJ, PJ4/PA3BWK, PJ6A, PJ6/NM1Y, VK2DX, Z21MG and ZL3PAH

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: D67GIA, DU2US, EA4DO, ET3AA, **H76W (NA-212)**, **OH3OJ/8 (EU-184)**, PJ6A, RA1ALA/1 (EU-086), RC9O, RF3A/0 (AS-082), R11PT (EU-188), S01WS, TI9/RA9USU, **VE7DP/7 (NA-181)** and **VK2SSI (OC-194)**

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: HF60KBC, HF715BRO, HF1627BPO, SN90IARU, SP3ARISS, SN650B, SQ1OD, UA0CB, UA0CDO, VP2V/SP9WZS and Z21DXI

S9, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

Bruno, HB9BEI, will be active as S9BK (pending) from Sao Tome and Principe between February 25th and March 25th (2016). His plans are to be active from **Sao Tome (AF-023)** between February 25th and March 7th, then on to Principe (AF-044) between March 7-12th, and then ending back on Sao Tome March 12-24th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via his home callsign.

TK, CORSICA

Members of the Slovenia RadioClub Domzale will be active as TK/S50C from Corsica during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 28-29th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via S50C, eQSL or LoTW.

TM21, FRANCE (Special Event)

France is hosting the 21st Session of the conference of the parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP21) between November 30th and December 11th. The COP21 will be a crucial conference, as it needs to achieve a new international agreement on the climate, applicable to all countries, with the aim of keeping global warming below 2°C. To mark this important event, the special callsign TM21COP will be activated by François, F8DVD, between November 29th to December 13th. Activity will be on the HF bands between 40-10 meters SSB. A special QSL card showing Tara polar boat in Greenland ice (Picture François Aurat) will be available via the Bureau or direct with a SASE. For more details, see:

<http://www.qrz.com/lookup/TM21COP>

TX3X CHESTERFIELD DXPEDITION NEWS (Updates)

On October 14th, 15th, and 17th, the TX3X team sent out the following:

* On the morning of 12 Oct we got a break in the weather and were able to dismantle the camps in about 3 hours and get the equipment back to the boat. It took several more hours to store everything and prepare to get under way. At 2PM local we set sail for Noumea and quickly found ourselves in very windy conditions and "confused seas". With 2 - 3 meter seas, coming at us from different directions and heavy winds the boat and passengers took a significant beating. On the night of 14 Oct the skipper decided to take the boat to the port of Koumac, New Caledonia.

The weather forecast indicates conditions will get only worse and the risk of trying to make Noumea wasn't worth taking.

We are currently in Koumac, the plan is to find alternate transportation to Noumea today.

We'll upload the last of the logs today. I know there are many e-mails asking about contacts and busted calls. We'll begin the process of working through the NiL and busted calls when we're near a reliable internet connection. This will probably not be until 19 Oct.

The boat will return to Auckland where the Advance Team will unload the equipment and turn it over the customs broker....

Team Chesterfield DX-pedition

*** 15 Oct 4PM local** -- Half the team arrived back in Noumea after a 6 hour bus ride. The others will arrive in about 3 hours. One intrepid DXer decided to ride the boat back to Noumea, he will arrive sometime in the night.

Everyone is in good health, a few bumps and bruises, but nothing serious. Dr. Arnie tended to everyone in the highest traditions of the medical profession, especially when it came to dispensing medications for motion sickness.

There are hundreds of e-mails asking for a "log check". I'm sure you realize this requires a solid Internet connection, which we don't have at the hotel, and many hours of someone's time to research.

All the logs have been uploaded to the server.

Team Chesterfield

*** Saturday 17 Oct.** -- The boat arrived in Noumea on Friday afternoon, Arnie, N6HC, rode the boat till the bitter end. The skipper reported the ride was a rough one. Arnie looked fine, with a big smile on his face, happy to have had the total sailing experience.

The logs are uploaded and OQRS is operational at TX3X.com We appreciate the kind words we're receiving in e-mails and on the forums. The donations coming in through OQRS and via the "Donate" button at TX3X.com will help offset the project cost. We know several areas are having trouble getting to the website, the domain registrar is investigating the issue.

The incorrectly logged PSK31 contacts were corrected. We are receiving your e-mails regarding busted calls and "Not" in Log situations, they will each be investigated when we have stable and fast Internet connections, this process will take time. Please do NOT send multiple e-mails for the same problem or write a long explanation of the problem, just include the specifics of the contact(s) in question.

On the first day we had a significant web site outage caused by our web hosting supplier, you all saw the effects. With the help of John Miller, K6MM, the web

hosting supplier restored our service. Over the next 48 hours the team members will begin their long journey home. The boat will return to Auckland, New Zealand where we will off- load the equipment and arrange for its return to the USA.

A top priority of the DX-pedition organizers is to get everyone home safely and in good health. Other than a few scrapes and bruises (and some motion sickness) we're happy to report we met that goal.

Thanks to the DX community for your understanding, we were happy to provide all the new ones and band fills.

Team Chesterfield Islands DX-pedition

V7, MARSHALL ISLANDS (Update to [OPDX.1228/1233](#))

The German team is now active from the Republic of the Marshall Islands as V73D from [Majuro Island \(OC-029\)](#) until October 28th. The following 12 operators are highly experienced by various contests and DXpeditions: Rolf/DL7VEE (Initiator and team leader), Werner/DJ9KH, Heye/DJ9RR, Rudolf/DK3CG, Joe/DK5WL, Guenter/DL2AWG, Norbert/DL2RNS, Georg/DL4SVA, Hans/DL6JGN, Franz/DL9GFB, Wolf/DM2AUJ and Sid/DM2AYO. They have 4 500-watts-stations simultaneously on the air 24/7, on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Suggested frequencies are listed in OPDX.1228. An OQRS will be used from ClubLog for both direct or Bureau QSLs (Preferred). QSL via DL4SVA, direct or by the Bureau. Log will be uploaded 6 months after DXpedition. The Web page has been redesigned and is available at:

<http://v73d.mydx.de>

VK0EK DXPEDITION NEWS (Heard Island Expedition Newsletter Vol. 1 No. 6)

The current Heard Island Expedition Newsletter (Vol. 1, No. 6 -- dated October 14th) is now out. Individuals may have already received this because they subscribed to it, or they made a donation to the expedition, or they are a team member or a corporate sponsor, or Bob, KK6EK, just happens to know you and think you would like to have it. This issue goes to 1196 different people.

Bob also informs [edited], "There is no charge or obligation for this we just want to help you make a QSO with VK0EK, or to collaborate in the scientific work. Future Newsletters will be issued now and then, when we have something to say, probably every few weeks. If you missed a previous Newsletter and would like to have a copy, you can find a link on p. 4

http://www.heardisland.org/HD_pages/HD_newsletter_back_issues.html

to download the back issue.

The expedition is scheduled to begin in early March 2016, and end in late April. You can see the current status of the project on the main website www.heardisland.org, and on the blogsite www.vk0ek.org.

I hope you like this Newsletter and find it useful. If you have suggestions, comments, subjects you would like to see addressed, etc., or wish to be removed from the distribution list, please write to me..... Bob, KK6EK -- Organizer/Expedition Leader"

For more details on the mailing list for the newsletter, go to:

http://www.heardisland.org/HD_pages/HD_newsletter.php

VP8SGI/VP8STI DXPEDITION NEWS (Press Release from the Intrepid-DX Group VP8 Team)

Paul, N6PSE, sent out the following on October 15th [edited]:

"An appeal from the VP8STI and VP8SGI Team" -- The activations of South Sandwich and South Georgia Islands as VP8STI and VP8SGI in January-February 2016 are the next major Dxpeditions to take place.

The decision to activate VP8-South Sandwich and VP8-South Georgia was made upon seeing how well FT4TA, FT5ZM and K1N were funded.

That gave us the confidence to go forward activating these two rare and remote islands on the same trip. We are now finding ourselves with a significant funding shortfall. By adding South Georgia to our itinerary we added fifteen days at \$8,000 per day or \$120,000 onto the cost to activate South Sandwich.

Our analysis of our funding shows us that while our individual donations have exceeded all expectations, our club donations have not. We are seeing that many Clubs that gave FT5ZM or K1N \$1000-\$2000 are giving us \$500 or a fraction of what they gave to these other Dxpeditions. Some clubs have decided not to make any donation to us that gave quite generously to other recent Dxpeditions.

While we appreciate each and every donation, we can tell you that a Club donation to us of \$500 amounts to a donation of \$250 for the activation of each of these rare and remote islands. With a budget of \$425,000 we are making small incremental steps when leaps and bounds are needed.

As you know, upfront donations are critical for a Dxpeditions success. Each member of the Intrepid DX Group has contributed \$15,000 of their personal funds to move the VP8STI-South Sandwich and VP8 South Georgia Dxpeditions forward. These are two ten day Dxpeditions to two top ten DXCC entities back to back. (#3 and #8)

To date, we have raised \$142,000 above the team contribution of \$210,000. We still have a deficit of \$73,000 that we need to fill as much as we can.

It is only through the generosity of Club donations such as yours that we can make this DXpedition possible.

We would love to realize sufficient support so that the Intrepid-DX Group could plan the future activation of another top five island entity after the VP8STI/VP8SGI Dxpedition. Without sufficient funding, we cannot make those kinds of plans for the future.

At this time, we are asking for those Foundations and Clubs that have not yet made a donation to please consider doing so. We cannot make it there on our own.

Please watch for updates and announcements on The Daily DX, DX-World, DX Coffee and DX

News. We hope that you will consider a donation today.

Thank you,
Paul, N6PSE, Co-Leader, VP8 Team

VP9, BERMUDA

Operators Kurt/W6PH and Bob/WA1Z will be active as VP9I from Ed/VP9GE's **Hamilton Parish QTH (NA-005)**, WLOTA 0201) for the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Multi-Single/Low-Power entry. QSL VP9I via WW3S or LoTW. Outside of the contest, look for operators to be active as VP9/homecall. QSL via their home callsigns or LoTW.

XV2, VIETNAM

By the time you read this, Mal, VK6LC, will be continuing his "Vietnam DX Vacation", this time to Ho Chi Minh City between now and October 23rd. His callsign will be 3W2HCM. Activity is to celebrate 15 years operating in Vietnam. If like last time, Mel will be mainly on 20 meters with some 17/12 meters using mostly CW with some SSB. QSL via his home callsign, only direct. He does NOT use the QSL Bureau. Check out [QRZ.com](http://www.qrz.com) for some more details and pictures under VK6LC.

XX9, MACAU (Update)

Operators Janusz/SP9FIH and Bogdan/SP2FUD are now active as XX9TIH and XX9TUD from Colonae Island (AS-075) between October 16-28th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using SSB and RTTY. QSL via their home callsign. They have a Web site at:

<http://www.xx9.dxpedititions.org>

YS, EL SALVADOR

Operators Mario/YS1GMV and Mario/YS1MAE, members of the Club de Radio Aficionados de El Salvador (CRAS), will be active as YS1YS during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via YS1GMV.

ZA, ALBANIA

Pekka, OH2YY, will be active as ZA/OH2YY from Durres during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Single-Op/Multi-Band entry. His equipment will be a K3, SPE1.3 amp and multi-band wire antenna for 80-10 meters. Operation will be limited to the contest only. QSL via his home callsign address.



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